



AUGUST 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo to introduce Pastor Marsha Buford, House of Favor Full Gospel Ministries, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Health Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Due to a National incident involving the deaths and injuries of service members in Afganistan, Mayor Johnson asked residents to lend their thoughts and prayers for those lost, those injured, and their families.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 26, 2021](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add Items #30 and #31, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on August 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_August 12, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_August 12, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[4. Approval of a Class C \(Wine\)\(By the Drink\) and Class G \(Wine\)\(Complimentary Service\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Angela King for Presidents Quarter Inn at 225 E. President, in District 2. No Concerns Noted by Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. \(Existing Business/New Owner\) \(Petitioner Requested Continuance to September 9, 2021\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Presidents Quarters Inn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf](#)

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #4 to the September 9, 2021 Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[5. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Kathy Maher for Cafe at City Market, Restaurant at 224 W. Saint Julian Street in City Market Between Barnard and Jefferson Streets in District 2. No Concerns Noted by the Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. \(Existing Business/New Owner\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cafe @ City Market.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cafe @ City Market.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Neighborhood Association Comments - Cafe @ City Market.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Alcohol Reports - Cafe @ City Market.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Cafe at City Market.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Security Plan - Cafe @ City Market.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[6. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Michael Fekete for Java Burrito, Restaurant at 420 E. Broughton Street Between Price and Habersham Streets in District 2. No Concerns Noted by the Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. \(Existing Business/New Owner\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Java Burrito Company.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Java Burrito Company.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Neighborhood Association Comments -Java Burrito Company.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Alcohol Reports - Java Burrito Company.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Java Burrito Company.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Security Plan - Java Burrito Company.pdf](#)

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No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[7. Approval of a Class C \(Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Charles Aimone for East Bay Inn, Inn at 225 E. Bay Street Between Lincoln and Abercorn Streets in District 2. No Concerns Noted by the Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering and Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. \(Existing Business/New Request\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - East Bay Inn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - East Bay Inn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Neighborhood Association Comments - East Bay Inn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Alcohol Reports - East Bay Inn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - East Bay Inn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Security Plan - East Bay Inn.pdf](#)

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No Speaker(s):

- a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

[8. Petition of Phillip R. McCorkle from McCorkle, Johnson & McCoy, LLP \(Petitioner\) on Behalf of Whitaker @ Charlton Lane, LLC \(Owner\) for a Special Use Permit to Have a Restaurant at 348 Whitaker Street \(PIN 20032 05001\), Aldermanic District 2, File No. 21-002772-ZA.](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 348 Whitaker Street.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson continued/opened the hearing for Item #8 from the August 12, 2021 Meeting.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative - explained/described request in detail. MPC recommended denial.
- Robert McCorkle, Applicant Representative
- Erika Snayd, Co-Owner – SUPPORTED
- Ardis Wood – OPPOSED
- Sabrina Nagel – SUPPORTED
- Elissa Habib – OPPOSED
- Colonel Henry Reed – SUPPORTED
- John Northup – OPPOSED
- Mary Ellen Wegman – OPPOSED
- Gale Singer & Jennifer Brayson– SUPPORTED
- Cheryl Lang – SUPPORTED. She was not able to connect/present. Clerk of Council Massey asked Ms. Lang to submit her letter of support to his office for the permanent record of the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen.

Written comment(s) received:

- Erika Snayd – SUPPORTED
 - Johnno Morisano – SUPPORTED
 - Justin O’Neill – SUPPORTED
 - Logan Smith Pollak – SUPPORTED
 - Staci Donegan – SUPPORTED
 - Elizabeth Lytle – SUPPORTED
 - Henry & Heidi Reed – SUPPORTED
 - Glen Nicotra – SUPPORTED
 - Terry Packard - OPPOSED
 - Elisa and Hank McCaffrey – OPPOSED
 - Joan Levy, Mary Ellen Wegman and Dr. & Mrs. Finger – OPPOSED
 - Anne Gantt – SUPPORTED
 - Cheryl Lang - SUPPORTED
- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Item #8, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Council Members suggested specific language for Special Use Permits as it relates to the definition of a restaurant and a possible moratorium until clarity of restaurant language is formulated by staff. There was extensive discussion on the location and number of table and chairs to be placed outside the establishment by Council.

Alderman Leggett expressed concerns with the neighbors immediately adjacent to the property and unwillingness to sign the Good Neighbor Agreement. He asked Mr. Lotson for the current MPC recommendation (denial). He asked Acting City Manager Lloyd for staff recommendations. Mr. Lloyd recommended approval with the following conditions: limit seating to 20 outside the establishment, hours of operation limited to 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, along with all conditions listed in the Good Neighbor Agreement. Mayor Johnson reported some neighbors did not have an opportunity to view/read the Good Neighbor Agreement. Alderman Leggett stated the majority of neighbors saw the Agreement, but some did not sign because they were not in agreement with some of the conditions as it would change their quality of life. He would like to table Item #8 to allow time for further review of the Good Neighbor Agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Attorney Lovett to opine for Council. Attorney Lovett stated Council could move to approve the Special Use Permit contingent upon any conditions and the Good Neighbor Agreement being part of the approval.

b. No action taken. Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #8 to the September 9, 2021 Meeting to allow for resolutions between the petitioner and neighbors relating to the conditions in the Good Neighbor Agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[9. Petition of Krishan Gandhi on Behalf of HOS Mgmt. \(Property Owner/Petitioner\) to Amend Zoning Map for 815 Wheaton St. \(PIN 20033 12033\) from IL \(Light Industrial\) to IL-T \(Light Industrial-Transition\). MPC Recommends Approval w/Conditions, No Bar/Tavern/Nightclub/Substance Recovery/Pawnshop/Check Cashing/Title Pawn/Package Store/Adult-oriented Businesses/Private Club/Lodge \(Cont'd from 7/22/2021\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 815 Wheaton Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 815 Wheaton Street.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #9.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative. MPC recommended approval with conditions.
- Applicant was not present.

No hearing conducted.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan would like to know what the petitioner is planning for the site. She would like to know, with the zoning change, what projects are allowed and not allowed on the property. Mayor Johnson suggested continuing the hearing to allow enough time for Council to receive additional information on all possible uses for the property from the petitioner.

No action taken. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/postpone Items #9 and #11 to the September 23, 2021 Meeting to allow for more specific information from the petitioner on project uses, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[10. Zoning of Buckhalter Road \(PIN 10948 01001\) Owned by Rockingham Farms, LLC from M \(Manufacturing\) to M-CO \(Manufacturing-CO\) \(File No. 21-004510-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Rockingham Farms #2 - Annexation Petition.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Rockingham Farms Subdivision.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Development Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Map for Rockingham Farms File No. 21-004510-ZA.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #10.

Speaker(s):

- Heath Lloyd, Acting City Manager
- Bridget Lidy, Director of Planning & Urban Design
- Mr. Hall

Mayor Johnson asked Acting City Manager Lloyd if the petitioner has lived up to assurances and the City has received funds as agreed. Mr. Lloyd reported the City has received the twenty year bond as agreed for infrastructure. The petitioner is meeting the required DBE requirements as outlined by the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz requested to be included in all correspondence and meetings regarding the Rockingham Farms project. She has not received any notifications or information on the progress of the project. In response, Acting City Manager Lloyd assured Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz he would send her all relevant information pertaining to the Rockingham Farms project and will notify her of any meetings or correspondence. Mr. Lloyd will send an updated report to Mayor and Council on the status of the Rockingham Farm project.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many DBE companies are working on the project and how many scholarships were given at Savannah Tech and names of the recipients. Mr. Hall indicated the project is still in the early stages and the scholarships will be implemented later, and SEDA as the project manager has the DBE information. Mr. Lloyd informed Alderwoman Miller Blakely of the four DBE companies. She requested Mr. Lloyd to send the Council the DBE information.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[11. Petition of Krishan Gandhi on Behalf of HOS Mgmt. \(Property Owner/Petitioner\) to Amend Zoning Map for 815 Wheaton St. \(PIN 20033 12033\) from IL \(Light Industrial\) to IL-T \(Light Industrial-Transition\). MPC Recommends Approval w/Conditions, No Bar/Tavern/Nightclub/Substance Recovery/Pawnshop/Check Cashing/Title Pawn/Package Store/Adult-oriented Businesses/Private Club/Lodge \(Cont'd from 7/22/2021\)](#)

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[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 815 Wheaton Street.pdf](#)

No action taken. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/postpone Items #9 and #11 to the September 23, 2021 Meeting to allow for more specific information from the petitioner on project

uses, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[12. Approval to Annex 20 Acres Located on the Southwest Bypass \(Veterans Parkway\) near Old Burkhalter Road. The Property will be Developed as Industrial Warehouses](#)

[Exhibit 1: Petition - Rockingham Farms](#)

[Exhibit 2: Ordinance - Rockingham Farms](#)

[Exhibit 3: Development Agreement - Rockingham Farms.pdf](#)

Heard/read. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz read Item #12, first reading only.

[13. Zoning of Buckhalter Road \(PIN 10948 01001\) Owned by Rockingham Farms, LLC from M \(Manufacturing\) to M-CO \(Manufacturing-CO\) \(File No. 21-004510-ZA\)](#)

Heard/read. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz read Item #13, first reading only.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Courtside Seating for the Enmarket Arena with Hussey Seating Company in the Amount of \\$263,610. Includes 2,500 Portable Folding Chairs that will Match the Color and Fabric of the Arena's Fixed Seating. Chairs will Provide Additional Capacity for Various Events Such as Basketball Games and Concerts. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Courtside Seating.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Courtside Seating](#)

[Exhibit 3: Picture - Courtside Seating](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Commercial Washers and Two Dryers for the Enmarket Arena with Stafford Smith, Inc in the Amount of \\$28,728. The Equipment will be Used to Launder: Team Uniforms, Dining Tablecloths, Napkins, Towels, Industrial Mop Heads, Etc. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Washers & Dryers](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Washers & Dryers](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns that no local vendor was used for the equipment. Mayor Johnson and Acting City Manager Lloyd explained there are no local vendors who supply or can acquire the commercial washers and dryers (costing approximately \$7,000.00 each).

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase of an Electromagnetic Flow Meter Replacement from Calibration Controls and Automation in the Amount of \\$59,589.42. Equipment will be used by the Water Supply and Treatment Department to Measure Up to 50 Million Gallons per Day of Surface Water Withdrawn from Abercorn Creek and Savannah River.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Meter Replacement](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Meter Replacement](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Medical Care Coordination Services for the City's Healthcare Program from Quantum Health in the Amount of \\$490,000. This will Provide a Single Point of Contact for Employees, Pre-65 Retirees, and Dependents for Precertification of Medical Care, Patient Advocacy and Education, Physician Coordination, Data Reporting, and Analysis, etc.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Medical Care Coordinator](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if this will allow employees to administer cardiac arrest emergency treatment. Acting City Manager Lloyd explained, this contract is for medical one-stop facilities for healthcare.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Modification for the Extension of a Crane Rail Located at the Springfield Canal Pump Station Facility with Southern Civil, LLC in the Amount of \\$9,600. Project will Extend Crane Rail from 8 to 15 feet to Allow for Removal of Pumps to Perform Maintenance. Modification is Needed to Change the Design of the Support for the Concrete Foundation.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Lanier asked for the number of modifications and if the DBE was local. Acting City Manager Lloyd answered, there was only one contract modification to close out the contract and the DBE was a partnership, one local (S&S Supply, Bull Street), and one non-local.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Renew a Contract for Software Subscription for Water Meter Testing with Mars Company in the Amount of \\$43,510. Software will be used to Test Approximately 80,000 \(10% Tested Annually\) Small Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, and Residential Water Meters in the City's Water Distribution System.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Renovation of the Existing Facility at 8 Interchange Court with Johnson-Laux \(Local, DBE-owned\) in the Amount of \\$1,247,356. Facility will be Occupied by Fleet Services \(City Lot Location\). Renovations will Include Flooring, Lighting, Ceiling Tile & HVAC Replacement along with Upgrades for Security Access, Bays and Overhead Doors, etc.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Renovation of Fleet Services](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns the Johnson-Laux employees were not diverse and not a DBE. Acting City Manager Lloyd answered, they are a local DBE (7001 Chatham Center) and have sub-contracted with other local contractors. Mayor Johnson instructed Mr. Lloyd to verify Johnson-Laux is a local vendor and how they qualify as a DBE company, and send the information to Council Members.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Trenchless Rehabilitation of a Sixty-Inch Sewer Trunk Main and Two Junction Boxes for the Conveyance of Sewage from Montgomery Crossroads north to the President Street Water Reclamation Plant With Vortex Companies in the Amount of \\$687,675. Services are Needed to Prevent a Massive Sewage Spill into the Savannah River.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer Trunk Main](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer Trunk Main.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Moving Services to Relocate Fifteen City Departments to the Interchange Court Facility \(14 Interchange Court\) from VIP Office Furniture and Supply, Inc. in the Amount of \\$174,580.](#)

[Exhibit 1- Funding Verification- Interchange Court.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Interchange Court](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[23. Approval of Supplemental Amendments to the FY 2021 Budget Resolution to Implement a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment \(COLA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Table - COLA.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Resolution - COLA.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson recommended a 3% cost of living adjustment for employees retroactive to July 1. This was possible due to maintaining the current millage rate.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[24. Approval of a Resolution to Instruct the City Manager to Work with Other Local Governmental Organizations to Develop an Incentive Based Program to Encourage Vaccinations](#)

Mayor Johnson discussed how the City will work with other local governments to achieve a higher percentage of vaccinated employees. Alderwoman Miller Blakely suggested including language for individuals to take all safety measures with or without the vaccine.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

AGREEMENTS

[25. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Godley Station Enterprises, LLC for Brookline Subdivision Phase One, a Development Consisting of 48 Single Family Homes Located off Highlands Boulevard in the Godley West Service Area.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Brookline Subdivision Phase 1.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #25 and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[26. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with DGK Real Estate, LLC for Kahn Warehouse a 52,500 sq. ft. facility located at 40 Westgate Boulevard.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Kahn Warehouse - 40 Westgate Blvd.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #25 and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[27. Approval to Grant Additional Easement to Georgia Power at 13710 Coffee Bluff Road](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map and Transmission Line Easement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Easement Documents.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Ferguson Avenue.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Plan Sheets Ferguson Avenue - Little Ogeechee \(Strs 56-65\)_Plans.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[28. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle an injury matter involving former employee Mr. Dexter Johnson in the amount of \$86,725.33, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[29. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's Emergency Order Requiring that Face Coverings or Masks be Worn in the City of Savannah During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - Ratification of Mayor's Emergency Order \(updated 082621\).docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Resolution - Mayor's Renewed Emergency Order.docx](#)

Mayor, Council and Acting City Manager Lloyd discussed in detail the deaths and recent increase in COVID cases in the Savannah area and among City staff. There was consensus to continue the mask mandate and any other precautions by employees and residents to prevent the spread of the virus. The City will close most of the City offices to the public and the community centers will close, effective September 3, 2021.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

[30. Added Item: A Resolution Celebrating the Life of Georgia House Representative Mickey Stephens, House District 165](#)

[20210824 Representative Edward Stephens.pdf](#)

Moved up on Agenda after Item #3, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson expressed condolences on the passing of Georgia State Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens, District 165. He was a friend to the City of Savannah, championing legislation at the State Capitol on behalf of the City. At the Funeral Mass, Mayor Johnson issued a Resolution to Representative Stephens' family with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo in attendance.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

[31. Added Item: A Proclamation Recognizing August 26, 2021 as Tammi Celeste Brown Day](#)

Moved up on Agenda after Item #3, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson read and presented the Proclamation for Tammi Celeste Brown to her and her mother. Ms. Brown accepted the Proclamation from Mayor Johnson and thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the residents of Chatham County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for prayers for the Savannah State Football Team players who have a number of players testing positive for COVID including her grandson, Bubba, who tested positive today; and the producer of her weekly podcast had a family member, who recently passed from COVID-19. Additionally, her husband's brother passed away at Grady Hospital in Atlanta awaiting medical treatment. She encouraged everyone to be safe and avoid COVID, whether you have had the vaccine or not. Sanitize and wear your masks.

Alderwoman Lanier thanked Mr. Lloyd and Alderwoman Miller Blakely for reaching-out and helping with the Baker-Jenks Street Park situation, including the cleanup efforts, materials used, and notating the infrastructure problems that exist there.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=CTpdO9Uyrx3F>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Initials: _____

